

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the present divisional application, entrance of amendments to specification and claims as set forth above is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In this amendment, Applicants wish to delete claims 1-17 and add new claims 18-26. Claim 18 is the only independent claim. Thus, claims 18-26 are pending, with claim 18 being the only independent claim. Prompt examination of the present application is respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

New Claims 18-26

Applicants have added new claims 18-26, with claim 18 being the only independent claim. The present invention as set forth in claims 18-26 pertains to a novel method of manufacturing spinning reel rotor, which allows greater flexibility in design of the rotor without compromising its rotational balance. More specifically, claim 18 is directed to a method of manufacturing a spinning reel rotor that has a cylindrical portion, first and second rotor arms, a bail, and first and second covers. The second cover to be attached to the second rotor arm is selected from a plurality of second covers. The weight difference between any two of the plurality of second covers is less than 1g. Each of the plurality of second covers has a mass adjustment portion, which differs in shape. The limitations of claim 18 are supported by descriptions on page 4, lines 1-9, page 9, lines 7-13, and page 14, lines 4-12 of the specification.

Here, each mass adjustment portion formed in the plurality of second covers is different in shape. Thus, each of the plurality of second covers is capable of rendering a different appearance when it is attached to the second rotor arm. The manufacturer of the rotor selects a second cover whose mass adjustment portion has a desired shape from the plurality of second covers. The manufacturer can also select another second cover to create a rotor having a different design. In doing so, the manufacturer does not need to make an adjustment for the change in weight, since the weight difference between the old second cover and the new second cover is negligible and the replacement of the second cover therefore does not affect the rotational balance of the rotor. Accordingly, the manufacturer can create a different product line of rotors having different designs by merely replacing the second cover.

Prompt examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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